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TAGS: CDES, AR, (JOHNSON,JEANETTE)

SUBJECT: DEATHS & ESTATES: JEANNETTE JOHNSON

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1995, 3/21/75 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON SUNDAY JANUARY 11 AND MONDAY JANUARY 12 LOCAL PRESS CARRIED STORY SUMMARIZED BELOW, THE SOURCE OF WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS NEWS AGENCY. PAPERS ARE "ULTIMA HORA"; CLARIN; LA NACION; AND EL CRONISTA.

2. THE STORY IN SUMMARY IS THAT 2 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL "PRESUMABLY ATTACHED TO THE AMERICAN ARMY" CLIMBED "ACONCAGUA", AND ON A "SECRET MISSION" LOCATED AND "DESTROYED" REPEAT DESTROYED THE BODY OF JEANNETTE JOHNSON AND THREW THE REMAINS IN A CRACK IN THE ICE OF A GLACIER NAMED "GLACIER DE LOS POLACOS". THE STORY STATED THAT THE INFO WAS REPORTED BY AN ENGLISHMAN NAMED JOHN MICKEY AND AN ARGENTINE, ALBERTO COLOMBERO WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE REPORTED ABOVE IN THE FORM OF A "DENUNCIA" TO THE POLICE IN MENDOZA. LOCAL A.P. CORRESPONDENT ALFONSO CHARTI HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN STORY.

3. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED WITH LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF USIS IN MENDOZA. JORGE BIANCHI, WHO STATES NO ONE CAN CLIMB MOUNTAIN WITHOUT GOVERNMENT PERMISSION AND LAST TEAM TO GO WAS OVER 3 WEEKS AGO
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WHICH TEAM FOUND JOHNSON'S BODY ENCASED IN 3 METERS OF ICE

AND WERE UNABLE TO RETRIEVE IT.

4. EMBASSY MILITARY ATTACHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN MENDOZA AND CONSEQUENTLY EMBASSY TREATING STORY AT THIS POINT AS A COMPLETE FABRICATION.

5. SHOULD ANY FURTHER INFO DEVELOP DEPT WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED.

6. COPIES OF STORY ARE BEING AIR POUCHED UNDER COVER DS-4.
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